



# LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 5 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very interesting week in school for lots of us and I am sure it has been a fairly challenging one for our Year 3 and Year 5 parents and carers. However, it is lovely to be back to normal again now – let's hope we have a quiet few weeks prior to October half term!

We had a really interesting and intense day on Tuesday with the camera crew from Channel 4 spending the day filming all over school, interviewing parents, children and staff and asking so many questions! However, they were so friendly and interested in the school and were particularly impressed with our children, commenting on how eloquently the boys they interviewed spoke. They even made time to go into each of the Year 6 classes and answer questions about their jobs, roles and how films and programmes are produced.

The programme, at the moment, is due to be aired in early November but we will let you know the exact date and time when it has been finalised and we have been informed.

## **Year 1 eSchools login**

Year 1 children have now received their individual eSchools logins. This will allow them to see their homework and other useful links on their class pages. As they now have access to eSchools, we will no longer be using Evidence Me for our Year 1 children. Please take the time to familiarise yourselves with this portal as it will be essential if Year 1 ever need to self-isolate.

## **Reading Books in Year 1 and Year 2**

Children in Y1 and Y2 have been given login details for our new Rising Stars online library today. Their individual login details have been stuck into their yellow reading records. The online library gives them access to a range of books that can be read online if you wish to do this, in addition to the physical reading book that they will bring home each week. To start with, we have assigned each child 12 books and we will assign new books when they move to the next book band. It is not compulsory to use the online library, but we hope that it will be useful for helping your child to read a range of suitable books in addition to their usual reading books.

## **Considerate Parking**

I have met with Durham County Council Road Safety and Transport section this week to look at parking in the village following a number of complaints from local residents. I am sure we all appreciate how busy the whole village is at key times during the school day. I would urge you to consider both how dangerous it is and how the residents must feel, when they see cars parked on both the grass areas and pavements.

I know many parents say they struggle to find somewhere to park but can I remind you that we have access to the Social Club at all times – this is just a few minutes walk from our school and it would ease congestion in the immediate vicinity of the school, as well as help your step count every day. Parents and carers are also able to park in the Kings Head Car Park – please make use of these car parks which are both only a few minutes walk from the school.

## **Home Learning**

We do appreciate the completion of the questionnaires about Home Learning. Thanks also to all Year 3 and Year 5 parents who have provided feedback about their experience of home learning over the last two weeks – that form is still open for anyone who has not yet had time to complete it. The leadership team will be meeting next week to discuss how we can improve our provision even further if needed.

## School Meals – New Menu from 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

As the term has progressed and the weather has begun to get colder, we have decided that we are now able to offer a full menu again to begin after the half term holiday. By this stage, all children in the main school will be eating in one of the dinner halls too.

On Monday, we will email all parents a link to the new meal form – this will first check if your child will be having school meals or packed lunches, and will also give you the menu options to choose from. Once again, this will be a three week rolling menu. This form will need to be completed by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October. This is essential to give us enough time to collate the information and place orders with our suppliers.

***\*\*\*If we do not get a response from you by Friday,  
your child will be changed to packed lunch after half term.\*\*\****

Meals are still free for pupils in Reception up to Year 2. Pupils in Nursery and Year 3 to Year 6 pay £2.10 per day (£10.50 per week) unless you are entitled to Free School Meals. Meals should be paid for a week in advance.

|               | Monday                        | Tuesday                    | Wednesday                           | Thursday                        | Friday                       |
|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Week 1</b> | Pork Sausage with Gravy       | Mince Pie                  | Roast Ham & Pineapple               | Chilli Con Carne                | Breaded Salmon Fishcakes     |
|               | Vege Mince Cobbler            | Cheese Wrap                | Quorn Fajitas                       | Pasta Neapolitan                | Cheese & Tomato Pizza        |
|               | Macaroni Cheese               | Sausage Roll               | Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise  | Corned Beef Pie with Gravy      | Battered White Fish Fillet   |
|               | Ham Sandwich                  | Ham Sandwich               | Cheese Sandwich                     | Cheese Sandwich                 | Ham Sandwich                 |
| <b>Week 2</b> | Meatballs in Tomato Sauce     | Steak Pie                  | Roast Pork Loin Steak with Stuffing | Mince & Dumplings               | Breaded White Fish Fillet    |
|               | Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese | Quorn Korma                | Cheese Panini                       | Vege Mince Spaghetti Bolognaise | Quorn Sausage                |
|               | Chicken Tikka Masala          | Cheese & Tomato Pizza      | Shepherd's Pie                      | Jacket Potato with Baked Beans  | Breaded Chicken Breast Steak |
|               | Cheese Sandwich               | Ham Sandwich               | Ham Sandwich                        | Cheese Sandwich                 | Ham Sandwich                 |
| <b>Week 3</b> | Chicken Korma                 | Beef Lasagne               | Roast Turkey with Stuffing          | Cottage Pie                     | Fish Fingers                 |
|               | Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake    | Quorn & Vegetable Stir-Fry | Plain Omelette                      | Vege Mince Bolognaise Pasta     | Battered White Fish Fillet   |
|               | Jacket Potato with Cheese     | Cheese & Onion Quiche      | Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta           | Egg & Tomato Baguette           | Cheese & Tomato Pizza        |
|               | Ham Sandwich                  | Ham Sandwich               | Cheese Sandwich                     | Ham Sandwich                    | Cheese Sandwich              |

## **Half Term Holiday Club – Monday 26th – Thursday 29th October**

Once again LJG Coaching, run by our very own Mr Graham, will be holding a holiday club which will take place here in school during half term. Full day places are from 8.00am – 5.00pm and cost £17.50, with discounts for multiple children. Half day sessions are also available from 8.00am – 1.00pm or 1.00pm – 5.00pm and start at £7.50, with multiple-child discounts.

Children will partake in a plethora of sporting activities, aimed at all levels of ability, with qualified sports coaches so they will need to arrive in suitable sports clothing and footwear (activities will take place outside as much as possible so trainers are a must). Your child will also need to bring a packed lunch and plenty of fluids.

Handwashing facilities will be available as normal and children will be reminded to regularly wash their hands, but if possible please send your child in with hand sanitiser as well. If you have yet to book a place for your child, please do so via this link:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nQP32h\\_HBU2bpIJJ4QL0zqlc1nsZ-itJlwJv4iHiabNUNUg1ODNLN0xRTkZWVDFSOVUzUFFJRVhKUS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nQP32h_HBU2bpIJJ4QL0zqlc1nsZ-itJlwJv4iHiabNUNUg1ODNLN0xRTkZWVDFSOVUzUFFJRVhKUS4u)

Mr Graham's main aim is always for the children to have fun and to enjoy themselves, and this focus on the individual makes his holiday clubs very popular. So please book as soon as possible to ensure a place for your child is secured.

### **Early Years News (Nursery and Reception)**

Thanks for your uploads to Evidence Me and your responses to our photos and observations. We do try to respond to your uploads, so remember to check back and share our replies with your child. We often use Evidence Me to set home learning challenges, so remember to look out for these.

We would like to remind Nursery parents that if your child is being dropped off early to allow you to fit in with the school timings for siblings, then they should be collected BEFORE their sibling. To help us have children ready and avoid disruption to the routine in Nursery, we have early pick up times of 2:45, 3:00 and 3:15. Please ensure you arrive at the agreed time so that we can have your child ready. Thank you.

### **Positive Thinking**

***Never forget how far you've come. Everything you have gotten through.  
All the times you have pushed on even when you felt you couldn't.  
All the mornings you got out of bed no matter how hard it was.  
All the times you wanted to give up but you got through another day.  
Never forget how much strength you have developed along the way.***

As usual, if there is anything at all that you would like to talk about, or that is concerning you, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. We are here to help and will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

*Jane Davis*

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